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## Salinas Labor Urges County Building and Sanitary Law To Raise Housing Standards

Effort is being made in Salinas to set up a county-wide building and sanitary code for Monterey county, to protect the health of county residents, to standardize building construction, and to keep fly-by-night builders out of the area.

Organized Labor of Salinas is taking an active part in the move, all local unions having pledged their active support. Dr. Sheriff, county health officer, is taking a leading part for enactment of the ordinance, his interest being from the health standpoint.

"One of the chief evils to be eliminated by such a law is that of the fly-by-night building contractor who will come through an area and erect housing facilities that are a permanent health menace as well as a disgrace," said George Harter, business representative of Carpenters 925 and secretary of Salinas Central Labor Council.

### MENACE TO HEALTH

"A well-written county building and sanitary code will prevent this menace to living and health standards out in county areas where city ordinances at present have no jurisdiction.

"Labor has successfully supported and assisted enactment and enforcement of this type of law in other counties, and Monterey county labor will do likewise. With so much transient agricultural labor, this county is particularly vulnerable to the spread of disease, and one of the best checks on it is in proper housing and facilities."

## Bartenders Gain Members, Interest In Salinas Area

Salinas Bartenders 545 reports more membership, more activity, and more interest than has been seen in a long time.

The local is working on an improved agreement for its members.

Meetings are well attended, and members show a lively interest in all matters discussed, according to Miss Bertha Boles, Culinary secretary, who handles office work for the local. Meetings are the 1st and 3rd Mondays at 2 p.m. Officers are Eddie Rose, president, and Karl E. Hess, secretary and business agent.

Members are coming back from the service thick and fast and are picking up where they left off.

## Bldg. Costs Up From \$4 to \$8; Who Gets It?

Cost of building has gone up from \$3.25 and \$4 per foot back in 1940-41 to \$7 and \$8, a major increase, but labor is getting very little if any of it.

This is the opinion expressed by George Harter, business representative of Salinas Carpenters Local 925.

The lower prices built very good houses back in pre-war years, but now the cost is about double. Just where all of this money is going is a point that labor might find well worth looking into.

## Salinas Carpenters Expand Apprentice Quota, Program

Salinas Carpenters have two active educational programs on the fire for their members and apprentices, with 40 journeymen and 28 apprentices enrolled in regular classes.

Journeymen meet each Wednesday evening in room four, Salinas High School, at 7:30 o'clock. Harry Biddle, member of Local 925 and a superintendent for one of the leading contractors, is the instructor. A number of men returned from the service are enrolled to refresh their abilities. Considerable interest is being shown in the class.

Apprentices have two night meetings on the schedule, with one in operation and the second set to start in a week or so.

Local 925 has increased its quota of apprentices in order to make up for time lost in training apprentices during the war, from 10 to 15 per cent.

### ASK EMPLOYER AID

"While Local 925 has seen fit to make this gesture, success of the program will hinge on employers' co-operation in hiring these men when they come out for a job,"

## Public Must Report Price Violations

The buying public has it within its power to check the upward spiral of prices if it will only recognize its legal rights and privileges to act as policemen on everyday store prices, according to George Harter, secretary of Salinas Central Labor Council and a member of the price and rationing board of the OPA.

"Prices are going steadily upward, and it is unfortunate that apparently the public does not realize its great power in checking them, merely by reporting cases of overcharging," Harter said.

"For instance, it is not known widely enough that if a person is charged one cent over the ceiling price and the board rules it a violation the person is entitled to three times over the price or \$50, whichever is greater.

"People should take it on themselves to observe prices carefully and when they think there is a violation, get a sales slip or witness and report the case.

"The reports actually turned in to price boards are a small percentage of actual overcharges. There are many, too many, violations, and it is this condition that causes prices to rise, then necessitating a wage increase, and then the vicious cycle toward inflation and bad times is well on its way."

Harter is also business representative of Carpenters Local 925. Labor is entitled to membership on price and rationing boards, and Carpenters 925 voted that it must have representation on the board.

## Salinas State Workers Install Officers

Installation of new officers was held at a dinner meeting of State, County and Municipal Employees Local 420 in Salinas on December 1.

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## Food Costs to Zoom Greatly Soon, Said

Washington, D. C. The ending of subsidies and the subsequent lifting of price ceilings can be expected to cause increases of from 10 to 40 per cent in the prices of at least 37 basic foods within the next 6 months, it is stated in an official survey prepared by government economists for the Office of Price Administration and the Department of Agriculture.

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## Poll Tax Too Big A Cost

Washington, D. C. What does the poll tax cost? It costs too much. A buck here, a buck four bits over here; two bucks in Mississippi—that's what the law says.

But it isn't the first cost; it's the upkeep. To start with, there are the intangibles—the cost in human dignity, in civic pride and responsibility, in political integrity; the cost in international prestige.

Those things are pretty hard to put in a cash register. Let's stick to dollars and cents. Let's think about depressions, and what they cost in hard money.

The Senate Committee on Banking and Currency says that the 12-year-long depression, from 1929 to 1941, cost the American people alone 523 billions of dollars; it cost business \$355 billion in sales; it cost workers \$175 billion in wages; it cost corporations \$69 billion in profits; it cost farmers \$24 billion in markets.

And now the poll tax Congressmen are hell-bent on bringing on another depression. They've kicked the unemployment compensation bill to death; they've watered down the full employment bill the way the poll tax waters down democracy; they're all set to kill any sensible proposal to keep depressions away.

That's just too high a price for a poll tax. It's bad enough for the people of the South to have to pay their annual poll tax bill.

But if the poll tax means a dollar cost equal to a world war—let's pass H.R. 7 and get rid of the poll tax for good!

## Guayule Rubber Crop to Go Back To the Farmers

Salinas Central Labor Council last week went on record as being in favor of a move to turn over a 12,000-ton guayule rubber crop to the farmers of Salinas area on whose 25,000 acres of land it now rests instead of destroying as is the plan of the government at present.

The council acted at the suggestion of the Salinas Chamber of Commerce, which declared that the government plans to spend millions of dollars to destroy the guayule rubber crop and urged that the crop be turned over to the land owners to "partially recompense them for losses they have sustained."

A resolution adopted by the labor council protests the 18-19 cent guayule rubber ceiling as contrasted with a 31-32 cent price for Mexican guayule and prices "a great deal higher than this" for South American and East India natural rubber.

The 25,000 acres of California guayule average 1000 pounds of rubber an acre and is worth \$2 a pound on the open market. The resolution holds that there is still a shortage of rubber and that by turning guayule over to the farmers it can be put to use and produce some income for the farmers who originally made it possible.

A girl who is always "up in the air" and "harping on something" is not necessarily an angel.

## Executive Council Of Federation In Quarterly Meet

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif. The Executive Council of the California State Federation of Labor held its regular quarterly meeting recently at the Hotel Roosevelt in Hollywood. Among matters of great importance taken up by the Council were the special session of the State Legislature, planning of a state convention of the Federation, developments in initiative measures against labor, jurisdictional raiding by dual unions, and important federal legislation now pending in Congress. There were 27 items on the agenda, which covered the whole gamut of labor problems confronting trade unions.

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## New Ruling On Labor Board Poll

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif.

The Chairman of the National Labor Relations Board, Paul M. Herzog, has announced an amendment to its regulations which will simplify and expedite the holding of elections for the purpose of certifying collective bargaining agencies in those cases where only one union is involved. Chairman Herzog explains the new rule as follows:

"... the addition to our rules allows the Board's Regional Directors to conduct elections without a formal Direction of Election. The procedure will be invoked only in those cases where there are no real issues or where the issues are only of minor character and the Board has long since established governing policies through decisions in similar cases. If the Regional Director finds, on preliminary investigation, that the case is one in which there are no real issues and that the case is governed by previously established policies, he may conduct an election immediately, holding a hearing afterwards if either party requests one."

### CHANGE IMPORTANT

This change in the Board's rules is an important one, especially in newly organized plants, for it eliminates much red tape and takes away a weapon from employers who seek subterfuges in order to delay union recognition. Under the old rules, an employer faced by a demand for recognition could request, as a prerequisite, NLRB certification through an election, and a hearing prior to the election. Such hearings were held following investigation and lengthy conferences at the Regional Office of the Board before a Trial Examiner appointed by the National Board in Washington. The Trial Examiner would send his report to Washington and the employer and union would have to file additional briefs. The National Board would take its time in reaching a decision, and then finally order an election.

### STEPS INVOLVED

These various steps involved the passage of several months, and employers desirous of stalling elections could, by raising many objections, further lengthen the gap between request for recognition and certification. Such delays frequently were detrimental to the interests of the unions, especially in the case of newly organized unions whose members lacked discipline and became easily discouraged. Employers have frequently resorted to such delaying tactics in the hopes that this would happen and that their employees would lose interest in the union prior to the election.

It is this type of delay which is now eliminated, for under the new rules the election is held first, and only if serious disputes arise on the question of the actual balloting, is a hearing held.

### HEARING PROVISIONS

The new regulations provide that if any party believes its rights have been infringed upon by the conduct of the election, a hearing may be held before formal certification is made. The new rules make it impossible, however, for an employer on the one hand to claim that he must have proof that a majority of the employees desire union recognition, and on the other hand to deceptively make use of legal hocus pocus to stall or even prevent an election from being held.

Unions who must have NLRB certification should take advantage of the new regulations to secure speedy collective bargaining elections.

## Court Says Officials Of Union Can Be Sued For Libel in Papers

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## Greater Interest in Union Activities is Urged For Salinas, Monterey Councils

A call for better attendance at meetings of labor councils in Salinas and Monterey was issued last week by Salinas Central Labor Council.

Matters of great importance to the present and future welfare of organized labor in this area are coming up regularly, and they need the full and most capable attendance of union members, officers, and delegates if labor is to hold its own and not lose position in the present reconversion period.

Here are a few of the important conditions now coming up for almost regular attention at council meetings, as pointed out by delegates in last week's meeting of Salinas Central Labor Council:

1. Wages and hours.
2. Prices. (upward)
3. Returning veterans.
4. Shortage of building materials.
5. The housing situation.
6. The post-war propaganda program of big business, especially that part of it affecting organized labor.
7. Labor's part in future development of the community.

A number of the above items came up for serious discussion at last week's meeting, and official action was taken in some cases. Although full and frank discussion was given to subjects coming on the floor, there should have been wider representation of unions, to assure wider spread of information and better contribution of ideas on the subject.

The same situation holds true in other councils and unions, although in some unions better member-attendance than in many months is being reported.

"Pre-occupation with peace-time activities must not be allowed to encroach on membership and interest in organized labor, because there is now a state of flux that did not exist during the period of war-time controls, and labor can either go up or down seriously if it fails to maintain vigorous, enlightened membership," was the opinion expressed.

"In fact, labor should be expanding and going forward continuously, since there is plenty of room for expansion, rather than going backward, and rewards for this vigilance will be forthcoming sooner than is generally expected."

Among those taking part in the discussion were Bud Kenyon of the Warehousemen, Al Eberle of the Plumbers, George Harter of the Carpenters, Bertha Boles of the Culinary Alliance, Don McBeth of the Painters, and delegates from the Butchers and Bartenders.

## Short of Jobs 1st Time in 4 Years, Culinary

For the first time in four years Culinary Alliance 467 has more help than it has jobs. "This unusual situation balanced things the other way last week and forced a different outlook on the job situation, according to Secretary Bertha Boles.

Slackening up of the vegetable season from November to March is largely responsible for the condition, Miss Boles said. Thousands of workers flood the area starting in March, making eight months of heavy business in the Salinas area. But business drops and jobs decrease during the quiet season.

"It's as bad one way as it is the other," commented Miss Boles. "It's almost as tough not to have enough people for jobs as it is to tell people there is no work at present. But with great demands for help in other lines of work, the situation isn't as bad as it might be."

## 14 Members On 890 Sick List

The following 14 members of Fruit & Produce Drivers, Warehousemen & Employees Union 890 of Salinas were reported on the sick list last week, sick benefit checks being sent to them: Mike Marsiglia and Clarence Hogue of Gilroy, and the following from Salinas: Lillian Cooper, Ray McDams, Dorothy Allee, Robert D. Keller, Sine Nielsen, L. E. Brook, Mabel L. Reames, Orley Cooper, Robert C. Doty, Natalie Seibel, Reathel Sandifer, and Robert D. Keller.

Local 890, through President Al Harris, Secretary Pete Andrade, and its other officers, extends its best wishes for their recovery and their comfort and well-being.

In spite of all the vaunted secret weapons developed in the late wars the deadliest still remains a little dart fired from the bow of one Dan Cupid.

## In Union Circles

(A visitor's viewpoint this week. Bill Pedigo has a new baby boy at his house, so he is taking some time off to admire it and wash diapers. —Frank Anderson.)

To the occasional visitor, Salinas is truly the Salad Bowl. Truckloads of beautiful celery going through town. Lettuce, the main dish, tapering off. In fact the quiet season is now on, until about March.

This warm, sunlit valley again reminds one of that puzzling question: "Why do people live anywhere else than in California? Especially those unfortunates in the northern states."

That question came into Bud Kenyon's mind last month on his vacation trip to northern Saskatchewan, Canada, to visit family and friends. Frozen lakes all the way up, and stepping out of the plane, 150 miles from his home town of Regina it was 26 below zero!

Flying distance each way, via United and Trans-Canadian, was 2500 miles, the last 150 miles by train. On the way back it was snow all the way to Reno.

Bud reports his mother is in excellent health, in fact chirp as a young lady, insisting on chopping wood and doing other chores, at 75 years.

**LABOR AIDS CANCER DRIVE.** Salinas Central Labor Council gave \$25 to the American Cancer Society.

It will be a lucky individual who wins the jackpot at this week's Central Labor Council meeting, for it has risen to around \$12. Pete Andrade missed it last week because he was in L.A. at a conference.

In Pete's absence, Vice-President Al Eberle of the Plumbers presided at last week's meeting.

Painters report good attendance at their meetings. The local is negotiating a new wage scale to become effective in January.

Warehousemen's Local 890 are negotiating a contract covering ice house employees.

**BEET HARVEST UNDER WAY.** Beet harvest is in full swing in the Salinas area.

American ingenuity has eliminated many back-breaking forms of labor with inventions, such as the new cotton-picker. Now how about one to pick up beets and throw 'em in the wagon.

Shortage of help in this strenuous occupation is listed as one of the three major factors causing the present sugar shortage. The other two are: war in the Philippines and no sugar from there, and a drought in Cuba.

But beet growers, beet refiners, and sugar workers unions in the West know there is one additional reason, namely the reluctance of whatever agency is in charge, to permit expanded growing quotas back in 1938-41. Then it was the beet growers and refiners and unions were hollering loudly to permit increased quotas, to put more American-grown, American-made sugar on the American market. But the powerful cane sugar lobby prevented all but a very minor increase.

Salinas Butchers report good attendance at their meetings and initiation of four new members last week. Quite a few members are returning from the services, but the local is still short of help. New contracts are being discussed, and members are well pleased with the terms involved.

Culinary Alliance in Salinas plans to hold two meetings each month after the first of the year, according to Secretary Bertha Boles. Consideration is now being given to terms of a new working contract.

Painters report good attendance and negotiation progress on a new wage scale to go into effect after the first of the year.

## STATE LEGISLATION Part of Warren Program Fits In With Labor Aims

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Four major projects will come before the special legislative session, according to reports. Action will apparently be requested on the disposal of a \$90,000,000 post-war employment fund. Cities and counties are reported to be seeking the entire amount to aid them in local projects, while the Governor wishes part of the money to be used for state projects.

The question of state aid for child care centers has been acted upon by an interim legislative committee, which has recommended an appropriation of "several million dollars" to carry the centers through the first half of 1947. The matter of a full employment bill will also be given consideration.

### EMPLOYMENT PLANS

It is reported that legislative authorization will be sought for the preparation of production and re-employment estimates by the Reconstruction and Re-employment Commission, and possibly for Commission recommendations for public works to take up employment slack.

Extension of the Unemployment Insurance system will also be included, with indications that the Governor favors the lengthening of the maximum duration of insurance benefits to 26 weeks, as well as including under this subject the payment of unemployment payments to persons out of work because of illness or injury.

### PART OF LABOR PROGRAM

These programs fit in in part with the proposals made by the California State Federation of Labor. The Federation will also seek to make permanent the weekly benefits of \$30 for temporary disability.

A number of other proposals dealing with the whole post-war reconstruction program have been submitted by the Federation. These have been reported upon in earlier issues of the News Letter. How inclusive the agenda of the special session of the Legislature is to be will be ascertained as soon as the official call is issued.

Mr. Molotoff in his latest on Allied relations takes a firm but friendly and conciliatory line. The let's-fight-Russia element in our midst will never forgive this treachery. —"Senator Soap" in the CINCINNATI TIMES-STAR.

## China Too 'Hot'



Maj. Gen. Patrick Hurley (above) resigned as ambassador to China, charging his policy of supporting Chiang Kai-shek's nationalist government was undermined by State Dept. minor officials. He is replaced by Gen. George C. Marshall. (Federation Pictures)

## Higgins Issues Threat to Move Into Florida

New Orleans, La. Shipbuilder Andrew J. Higgins said here that unless a Louisiana or federal law is adopted insuring the open shop, he will transfer his operations to Florida, where a Christian American Assn.-inspired open shop law is in existence.

The shipbuilder, who closed his plants here after an AFL strike, announced he would begin rehiring workers at his industrial canal plant to complete contracts he has on hand.

## Clip This—You May Need It!

# Social Security

(For more detailed information as to your benefit status under the Act, consult your Social Security office. For exact location of this office, inquire at your local post office.)

## Social Security for You and Your Wife When You Are Old

In general, if you work for any manufacturing firm or corporation, you come under the Social Security Act. You have a social security account with your Government and you have, or should have, a social security account number card. This is issued to you under the Federal Old-Age and Survivors Insurance system established by the Social Security Act. Some day, if you go on working on jobs covered by this Act and have enough wage credits, you will have built up insurance rights which will bring you something to live on throughout your old age.

Have you figured out what this may mean to you? And to your wife? For example, suppose you are getting along in years. In January 1946, shall we say, you will be 65 years old and want to quit work for good. What would your social security benefits come to?

The amount of the benefits would depend on the pay you have been getting—your average monthly pay, figured over the years since the old-age and survivors insurance system was started, January 1, 1937. For a round figure let us suppose you have been paid an average of \$150 a month.

If your social security account shows an average monthly pay amounting to \$150 and you have been working since January 1, 1937, your monthly retirement payment, figured by the rule which is given in the law, comes to \$32.70. Your wife, if she is 65 when you retire, or whenever she is 65, would get half as much as you would get, and the two of you would have \$49.05.

This sum might not cover all the costs of food, clothing, and shelter each month, but it will go quite a ways in helping to meet these expenses.

At 65 you probably have 12 years ahead of you. Your retirement insurance will come in at all that time unless you go back to work on a job which is covered by the Social Security Act, and which pays \$15 a month or more. (You can make up to \$14.99 a month on a covered job and you can earn any amount on a job which is not covered and still get your retirement

benefits.) In other words, if you both live your life expectancy, the insurance you receive will amount in all to \$4708.80 and if your wife is your age, she will receive \$2354.40. That is a total of \$1033.20 from your social security account.

After your death if your wife outlives you, she will get \$24.53 a month, which is three-fourths of the amount of your monthly benefit.

For all this you would have paid in social security taxes \$162.00 over the nine years, and your employers would have paid the same—a total of \$324.00 in premiums to buy for you and your wife old-age insurance worth more than 20 times that amount.

It is important to remember, however, that your benefits will not be paid until you claim them. To file a claim for benefits you must get in touch with the nearest Social Security Board field office.

But for another reason it is important to get in touch with the field office when you reach 65. It may be that, although you do not intend to stop working yet, it would be better to file your claim at age 65, even though you can not draw your benefits until you do stop working. On the other hand, if your pay is higher now than usual and you think you can count upon that much for some time to come, it may be better not to file your claim until you are actually ready to stop work. The field office can advise you on this point.

In the Next Issue: SOCIAL SECURITY—BENEFITS FOR YOUR WIDOW AND CHILDREN.



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## VETERANS VS. CIVILIANS

After every war an attempt is made by individuals and groups who have some special axe to grind to organize veterans as *veterans* and to use such organization to exert political pressure to secure gains for veterans *only*. Along with it goes a certain amount of sneering at the civilians who stayed at home, got fat wages, etc.

Such procedure has no place in a republic, and we are glad to see many leaders of veteran organizations testify in Washington in behalf of the full employment bill, minimum wage legislation and other matters. One veteran chief said that anything that is good for the people as a whole is good for the veteran, and that's just common sense. When you put war veterans into a special class and indefinitely give them special benefits at the expense of other people, you encourage the rabble-rousers who pit veteran against union worker.

Any boy or girl who served in the armed forces is entitled to adjusted compensation and every possible financial assistance to overcome handicaps in getting re-established as a producing member of society. No one should begrudge the soldier or sailor his free hospitalization, his tax-exemptions, his pensions—he took the risks and earned them. But it has now become a classic saying that "doverty anywhere is a menace to prosperity everywhere." Everybody, even the veterans, will be better off if everybody has a job at good wages, has good medical care, has a good old age pension.

It should be remembered that it was just as dangerous to work in mills, mines and factories as it was to carry a machine-gun on some of the battle-fronts. Killings in industrial accidents at home run a close second for those on the fronts, and injuries far exceed the number sustained in the armed services.

The average veteran simply wants an "equal break" with everybody else, but some of the leaders of veteran organizations with their "privileged caste" ideas, are rattle-brained mischief-makers.

## SEE WHAT WE MEAN?

Maybe you missed an interesting little item from a recent United Press dispatch from Rome. Italy is having a heck of a time getting a stable government. The majority in the country is socialist and communist and liberal, but some of the "liberals" got their dander up to aid in unsettling the compromise Parri regime. These liberals declared they wanted "men of recognized standing in the government to effect greater confidence in Italy". The dispatch went on to say that this "movement" had been "sparked" by a recent visit to Italy of A. P. Giannini, American banker. Giannini told a press conference in Italy that Italy would "have to have a strong government if it wished the backing of foreign capital."

There you have it again—the international bankers blackmailing governments of other countries with loans. "Strong government" to the international bankers means reactionary government—government that can be "dealt with." Greece is a good example of this. That little country has been spending most of its tax money for decades paying interest and principal on loans from British bankers, and of course England wants a "strong government" in Greece to protect the loans. Hence, British troops interfering in the internal affairs of a war ally and shooting up Greeks and flirting with royalist fascists. The quicker these nations cinch up their belts, build up their own economies and get out from under the shackles of the international bankers the quicker will they have security, abundance and real freedom.

## WHAT'S HOLDING YOU BACK?

Who said there is no freedom of the press in the United States? In this great and glorious democracy anybody can start a big metropolitan daily newspaper, exert a lot of power over his fellowmen, swing elections, etc. All you have to do is to work hard, save your money until you have a million dollars to start it and a couple of million more to nurse it along until it gets in the black!

## BEGIN THE BEGIN!

That there are forty times as many work-days lost because of illness as from strikes should be kept constantly in the minds of all who wish our people to be prosperous and contented. The good things of life come mostly from work. Stoppage of work, no matter what the cause, affects everybody. We can add greatly to the "general welfare" if we can keep our people well and able to work. Let's adopt those Truman health proposals. They are only a beginning, but let's get started on the start!

## SAVING THE WEAR AND TEAR

Dorothy Thompson has traveled all over the world but, judging from her columns lately, she could be just as ignorant about international affairs if she stayed at home and read the newspapers.

## Patterson To Keep Up War On Congress Snoop Group

Washington, D. C. Congressman Ellis E. Patterson (D., Calif.) has placed a discharge petition on the desk of the House which sets in motion the machinery for abolishing the Committee on Un-American Activities. The petition received 28 signatures within the first half hour after it was placed on the desk.

"Believing it my duty to protect my constituents," the congressman told the House today, "from the smear of merely being on such a list of 'investigative' as the Committee's 'subversives' in Hollywood are reported to be drawing up, I recently attempted to obtain information from the Committee about the progress of this investigation."

Congressman Patterson reported that the Committee refused to give him any information in this regard. He then stated: "Yet, on the very day that I approached the Committee in this regard and was told no information could be given me about the investigation, my attention was called to the November issue of that notorious, fascist magazine, 'The Cross and the Flag,' edited by Gerald L. K. Smith. On page 669 of this November issue is an article entitled 'Hollywood Exposed,' in which 13 points in the Un-American Activities Committee's investigation of Hollywood are revealed. It seems astonishing that an admittedly fascist magazine and its fascist editor have access to facts concerning recent activities of a Congressional Committee that are denied to the congressman whose constituents are concerned. It appears that in place of the Committee clearing through the Congress, it is clearing through Gerald."

## Do You Know?

—That the labor movement is rapidly becoming a force to be reckoned with in the world of education?

—That during recent years there has been a growing consciousness that Organized Labor should give workers a clearer knowledge of economic problems and the place of unions in modern industrial society?

—That the president of the AFL Metal Trades Department is a member of the Federal Committee on Apprenticeship Training to promote training according to acceptable standards?

—That the Electrical Workers arranged with Marquette University some time ago to finance 6-weeks courses in electronics for members?

—That the Pressmen operate probably the largest technical trade school for printing in the world?

—That the Garment Workers pioneered in the field of workers' education with special classes in school buildings in New York and Philadelphia?

—That the Workers' Education Bureau works with the AFL to build up union educational standards throughout the country?

—That there are now dozens of "labor schools," subsidized by unions, operating on a permanent basis in the United States?

## Labor Front In Germany Gives Way Gradually To Democracy

Berlin, Germany New leaders elected by democratic vote of the membership are coming to the fore in the rapidly expanding German unions which, in many places, have already reached their pre-Hitler strength.

Seeking to avoid the weaknesses and conflicts which helped Hitler into power, most of the new unions are organized on the principle of industrial unionism. Confronted with the chaos and widespread destruction in present-day Germany, many unions have taken the initiative in the democratic reorganization of the economy.

They work out concrete production plans for single factories, as well as for all industry. They try to solve the problems of raw material supply; they help in the directing of manpower to those branches of industry and the professions which are the most important for reconstruction.

In the Russian zone unions have equal representation with industry and government in the new Chambers of Commerce and Industry, making it impossible for them to become, as in the past, centers for political and economic attacks against the workers.

## Vets Protest Open Shop Hotel



Servicemen entering Hotel Governor Clinton in New York stop to sign a protest to management for refusing to bargain collectively with New York Hotel Trades Council (AFL). One of few remaining open shop hotels in city it has been charged with unfair labor practices by State Labor Relations Board for refusal to recognize union as certified bargaining agent. (Federated Pictures)



THE FOLDED LEAF, by William Maxwell, and DARK LEGEND, by Dr. Frederic Wertham. Both Books for \$1.35 to all Members of Book Find Club, 401 Broadway, New York 13, N.Y.

These two books are a dual selection for November to members of the Book Find Club. If you want to join this fast-growing club and start off with these two volumes, send in your \$1.35 for the current selection and agree to take at least four selections a year at the low cost of \$1.35. I have been a member of the Book Find Club for nearly two years now and am glad to put in a plug for this organization. The Club does not pick out any frothy stuff for its clients. Sometimes it selects what becomes a "best seller," most often it does not. It gives you an equal selection of good fiction and non-fiction.

"Strange Fruit," "The Firing Squad," "The Cross and the Arrow" are among some of the stories chosen and they are novels with real substance—something you can sink your teeth into. Non-fiction selections in the past include such fine outstanding works as "Under Cover," Louis Adamic's classic, "My Native Land," Agnes Smedley's wonderful story of partisan China, "Battle Hymn of China."

"The Folded Leaf" and "Dark Legend" are companion fictional and non-fictional approaches to the problem of adolescent psychology. The first is described by Orville Prescott of the N. Y. Times as "a true and profoundly poignant novel." Of "Dark Legend" Thomas Mann says: "...the emphasis on the generally human and literary, which is the characteristic of this beautiful book, makes it attractive to a wide public without detracting from its scientific merit."

Getting back to the Book Find Club itself, I suggest that you join the tens of thousands of people who have found in this organization the most dependable book selecting agency for liberals and progressives yet started. Twelve good cloth-bound books every year for a flat price of \$1.35 each is a mighty good deal.

## AL SESSIONS.

"BACK TO EDEN," by Waldo Haggberg Brazil. Pathfinder Enterprises, Publishers, \$2.50.

Waldo Brazil is an Oakland cabdriver with a flair for writing, good writing. In this little book he has brought together, out of his experiences as a cabdriver, a number of interesting, well-drawn characters, everyday people with everyday thoughts, hopes, and desires.

Brazil has travelled considerably and engaged in a wide variety of occupations, which background enriches him for writing. His book is a story of people struggling for happiness, with a background of international intrigue and inevitable conflict in which these United States shed

## Too Many Eggs---Hens Must Die

Washington officials dealing with agriculture are seriously proposing that farmers be paid a bounty for slaughtering 100,000,000 hens, to get them out of the egg-laying business.

Unless this is done, they say, there will be a "surplus" of "hen fruit" next year.

The government is committed by law to support prices at levels that will yield producers a profit above costs. Officials say it will be cheaper to pay for killing hens than to buy the surplus to support prices.

All this sounds amazingly strange at this time, when eggs are scarce and some retailers are limiting customers to a single dozen and charging exorbitant prices.

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## THE CORDIAL HOST

Then there's the report about an embarrassment suffered by one of the big airlines. They put in an order for paper containers to place in their planes for the convenience of passengers who got air sick. What they've been using are the kind of containers your coffee comes in when you send the office boy down to the drug store. The airline had to send the new ones all back, thousands and thousands of them, because the first users complained to the stewards. The complaint was that this statement was printed inside the cover of the containers: THANK YOU, COME AGAIN!

## EVER TRY THIS, BOYS?

The convivial husband had a friend to stay with him for the week-end. When the guest was being shown up to his room he noticed faint crosses on several of the steps. He asked the reason. "Ah," whispered the host, "these come into operation after midnight. X means that the step creaks."

## THE AGE-OLD STRUGGLE

A woman who became quite famous for her preaching among the Quakers was once asked by a member of the sect: "Doesn't the spirit ever inspire you with thoughts of marriage and children?" "No, friend," said she, "but the flesh often has."

## THE RED-FACE MYSTERY

Technical Sergeant \_\_\_\_\_ of the medical division of the United States Army is at his home for a stay of 30 days. He has been overseas for three years, most of which time was spent in Germany taking care of prisoners of war. Upon his return he met a new arrival, his ten-month-old daughter, Elizabeth. Greenwish (Conn.) BULLETIN.

## GIVES US AN IDEA!

A fellow went into a store and said to the clerk: "I go with a girl, but her lipstick always comes off. I'd like to see some lipstick that doesn't come off."

"Well," said the clerk, "I'll bring you out a lot of lipsticks and I'll put on samples and you can kiss me to see if they come off."

So she put on a dozen of them and he kissed her. Finally she asked: "Well, which one do you want?" He said: "Well, I'll tell you the truth, lady. I'm just window shopping."

## AND TWO'S COMPANY

Evelyn Waugh will never collaborate in the authorship of a book. "I never can understand how two men can write a book together," said Waugh. "To me that's like three people getting together to have a baby."

## TOUGH ON MOLARS

"Gee, I feel terrible. It must-a been them clams I et."

"What's the matter, weren't they fresh?"

"Well, what did they look like when you opened 'em?"

"Gee whiz! Are you supposed to open 'em?"

## STANDARD FIXTURES

A friend called to tell about her new baby. "Oh, he's just perfect," she said. "Everything is where it should be."

## TAKING NO CHANCES

An Italian general was addressing his troops.

"The Australians are approaching," he shouted, "and I want you to stand firm and fight to the last. To help, each man shall be given a good stiff drink."

"Shall I get you a drink, sir?" whispered an officer.

"Good gracious, no," whispered back the general. "The darn stuff might go to my legs and reduce my speed!"

## SOMETHING, ANYWAY

MRS. McQUAY: "I cook and bake for you. And what do I get?"

Nothing.

MAC: "You're lucky. I get indigestion."

## Bill Without Fare

"I think I will have a sardine sandwich," said Mr. Ekhammer to the waiter.

"Domestic or imported?" asked the waiter.

"What's the difference?" said Ekhammer.

"Only that the domestic one costs a quarter and the imported one costs thirty-five cents."

"You bring me the domestic one," said Ekhammer. "I'll be damned if I am going to pay boat fare to America for any sardines."

## Pome of Pashun

My love has went,  
He did me dirt,  
Me did not know  
Him was a flirt.  
And now my friend  
May Heaven forbid  
That you be dood  
Like I been did.

## The President's Proposal: THIRTY-DAY 'COOLING OFF' PLAN AROUSES IMMEDIATE HOSTILITY FROM LABORITES

Washington, D. C.

Because the National Labor Management Conference failed to set a formula for the solution of strikes, Pres. Harry S. Truman asked Congress to pass legislation on the general line of the Railway Labor act requiring a 30-day cooling off period before walkouts.

Almost instantaneously, labor officials from practically all wings of the American labor movement denounced the proposals as playing directly into the hands of the industrialists.

Truman's message included a warning against "repressive or coercive measures against either side," saying that "legislation which would stifle full freedom of collective bargaining on either side would be a backward step which the American people would not tolerate."

## "FACT-FINDING BOARD"

The chief executive said that the proposed legislation would permit the federal government to intervene when disputes would vitally affect the public interest, and in such cases empower the President or his agent to name a fact-finding board of three or more persons to investigate the dispute.

Truman said the board should be composed of three or more outstanding citizens, to have the power of subpoena and require the submission of records or testimony of individuals. During the period the fact-finding board is deliberating, and for a period of five days thereafter, it would be illegal to call a strike or effect a lockout, or make "any changes in rates of pay, hours, working conditions or established practices, except by agreement."

There would be no requirement, under the Truman recommendation, that the parties be legally bound to accept the findings of the fact-finding board, but the chief executive said he felt that by publication of its report, "both sides would accept the recommendations, as they have in most of the railway labor disputes."

"USED SPARINGLY?" It was emphasized in the Truman message that the procedure would be "used sparingly, and only when the public interest requires it,"—that is only in major disputes.

He also asked that the legislation pay "particular attention to the needs of seasonal industries, so that the so-called 'cooling off' periods can be arranged in those industries in a manner which will not subject labor to an undue disadvantage."

Asking enactment of the legislation before Christmas, Truman said he hoped Congress will "approve the steps which I am now taking" in naming fact-finding panels without legal standing in the present strike of the United Auto Workers against General Motors, and in the threatened strike of the U. S. Steel Corp. and other members of Big Steel.

## TORIES LAUD PROPOSAL

Immediately after the delivery of the President's message, Rep. Howard Smith (D., Va.), introduced a bill calling for creation of a joint committee of the House and Senate to study the message and recommend legislation.

Sen. Joseph Ball (R., Minn.) congratulated Truman for his message, saying that was a hopeful sign. Ball is one of the authors of the infamous E-2-H bill that would place American labor in a legislative straitjacket. Ball's bill, introduced by himself, ex-Sen. Harold H. Burton (R., O.) and Sen. Carl A. Hatch (D., N. M.), is S. 1171.

A more moderate measure, introduced by Sen. Brian McMahon (D., Conn.), is S. 1419, which more closely follows the Truman recommendations. It provides for a fact-finding board of inquiry, for voluntary conciliation and mediation. Once arbitration is accepted, vol-

untarily, the award of the arbitrators would be final and binding upon both parties except where proof of fraud or failure to conform to the arbitration agreement is shown.

## Gangster, Opium Czar Again Boss Of Shanghai; Tu Big 'Hatchetman'

Shanghai, China The 600,000 industrial workers of Shanghai, China's greatest city, are once more, as before the war, under the rule of Tu Yu-sen, big-time gangster and opium czar who acted as hatchet man in the bloody suppression of militant Chinese unions in 1927, Israel Epstein of Allied Labor News reports.

Entry of Chiang Kai-shek's forces, which should have liberated all the city's inhabitants from Japanese oppression, has once more subjected Shanghai's unions to gang rule. Even before Japanese surrender formalities were completed, Tu returned to the city in the company of Kuomintang Secret Police Chief Tai Li.

Henry Lieberman of New York Times, who interviewed Tu, quotes him as saying that he "regained control of the Shanghai labor movement, as well as of the twin Red Gate and Blue Societies" which Lieberman describes as "secret organizations that combine ritualistic mumbo-jumbo and well-developed techniques of racketeering."

Tu is not only the Kuomintang's chief "labor fixer" but is also president of the Cotton Mill Guild, comprising employers in Shanghai's chief industry. His men staff the municipal labor departments whose job is, according to Lieberman, "to screen the leadership of new unions."

A comparable situation in the U. S., Epstein remarks, would have the chairman of the National Association of Manufacturers appointing the heads of the AFL and providing the personnel of the Labor Dept. and War Labor Board.

## 'Nuthin' to Say

It was back in 1911 when the late Hiram Johnson, then beginning his second term as governor, had before him for his signature a bill outlawing slot machines (the gambling, not the peanut-vending variety).

A delegation from San Francisco called upon him to urge him to reject the bill.

Johnson leaned back in his chair and produced a pamphlet. It was a trade pamphlet written for proprietors of establishments displaying the machines for use of patrons. The pamphlet explained how the proprietor, by making certain adjustments on the machine, could fix it so that the patron could win often, win once in awhile or not win at all. So far as the proprietor was concerned, the machine was no gambling device at all.

Johnson read the pamphlet word for word, and then asked, "Well, gentlemen, have you anything to say?"

The gentlemen had nothing to say. Johnson signed the bill.

## Governing the Germans



Official U. S. Signal Corps Photo

Military government officials and a German Ober-burgomeister discuss affairs of government at Weimar. Seated at the desk is Lt. Col. Frederick W. Hanger, San Antonio, Texas and the Ober-burgomeister, former inmate of Belsen camp. The women are interpreter and secretary. One of the post-war costs is the occupation of conquered countries. Your full support is needed in the Victory Loan Campaign.

From U. S. Treasury



## SALINAS UNION DIRECTORY

CALIFORNIA STATE FEDERATION OF LABOR—Vice-President for San Mateo, Santa Clara, San Benito, Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties—Thomas A. Small, San Mateo, California, Phone San Mateo 3-8789.

BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres. Judson F. Flint, 201 Archer, phone 3298. Sec. Louis Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Hans Top, 1128 Laurie Ave., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 117 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st Monday at 2 p.m. and 3rd Monday at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres. Eddie Rose. Secretary and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess. Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6203.

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CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30. Carpenters' Hall, North Main St. Pres. Roy Willis; Vice-Pres. R. Timmerman; Bus. Agt., George Harter; Sec. H. L. Taft, 243 Clay St., Phone 4246; Treas. R. L. Thurman, 5 Post Ave.; Rec. Sec. Amos Schofield.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Ed Francis; Vice-President, Mrs. Ray Luna; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aubrey Cunningham; Treasurer, Mrs. Mark Pilliar; Warden, Mrs. Bert Nelson; Conductress, Mrs. Earl Van Emon.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call, Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main St., phone 6209.

ENGINEERS (OPERATORS) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres. C. R. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom. Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

INTERNATIONAL BROTHERHOOD OF ELECTRICAL WORKERS, Local Union 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

HOD CARRIERS AND LABORERS UNION 270—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec. Treas. Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

MONTEREY COUNTY CENTRAL LABOR UNION—Meets every Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main Sts.; W. G. Kenyon, Sec.-Treas., 426 Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., phone 4893; home phone 8539. Pres. F. H. L. Sprague, ph. 3863. Labor Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, Main and John Sts., ph. 4983; Geo. Harter, Carpenters Hall, 422 N. Main St., ph. 5721.

OPERATIVE PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS OF SALINAS AND MONTEREY COUNTY, LOCAL UNION NO. 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m. at Rodeo Cafe, Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, Phone 1423; President, Don Frick.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. at 7:30 p.m., Pres. Donald McBeth, 1014 E. Costa St., phone 4126. Secretary and Business Agent, Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS UNION Local 503—Meets second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres. Orin Border; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, Erwin Goodson. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex-Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schirek, 636 El Camino Real, No. phone 7088.

PRESSMEN 325—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville, Pres. Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas. Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties.) Pres. John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Sec., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple. President, H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secretary, R. M. Allen, 124 East Alisal Street, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-Treasurer, E. MacRossie; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

GENERAL TEAMSTERS AND AUTO TRUCK DRIVERS' UNION, LOCAL NO. 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Salinas, phone 7590.

INTERNATIONAL ALLIANCE OF THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS, LOCAL 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month at 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone Salinas 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, phone 1216; Rec. Sec. Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, phone 167.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

UNITED SLATE, TILE & COMPOSITION ROOFERS, DAMP & WATERPROOF WORKERS ASSOCIATION 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. E. E. Lehr, 142-11th St., Pacific Grove. Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Phone 9668.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters' Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris. Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

## Salinas - Watsonville Division

# With Local 890 FRUIT & PRODUCE DRIVERS, WAREHOUSEMEN AND EMPLOYEES UNION

Main and John Streets  
Salinas, California

All of our members employed at the Raiter Canning Company have received an increase of 10c per hour over and above the present rates of pay. The following schedules now prevail: Commencing December 1, 1945, and for the balance of the term of our contract, an increase in wages including base pay for piece workers of 10c per hour. Notices have been posted on the bulletin board at the plant. This will bring the minimum for women hourly workers to 80c per hour.

To all employees employed at Dempsy-Hudson Company: Although our present agreement does not expire until August 1, 1946, the following wage scales were approved and are now in full force and effect.

Boilerroom attendant and maintenance mechanics, \$1.20; maintenance mechanic helpers, \$1.00; truck drivers, \$1.10; shipping and receiving clerks, \$1.10; blancher operators, \$1.05; fibre board stitcher operators, \$1.00; hand truckers, dumpers, vat men and skid loaders, 95c; packing machine operators, \$1.05; trimmers, sorters, peelers, spreaders, splitters and pitters, 80c per hour; carton liners, 90c per hour; fillers, weighers and ironers, 85c per hour; all other conditions of employment remain the same until August 1, 1946.

IMPORTANT: Any of our members becoming unemployed, please register for employment at the office of the union. We have had many jobs for women of late.

Your union is very much interested in the Safety Committee which was set up at Spiegel Foods Company. At the present time the following people are acting for the union in this Safety Committee: Fred Crisp, Mary Rose and Margaret Grasso. We are hopeful that this committee will take an active interest in safety measures which will be of value to our members as well as the company. We have had

some injuries that perhaps could have been avoided, and we hope that by these added precautionary measures the rate of accidents will depreciate considerably. Any unsafe conditions which you may notice throughout the plant, please bring it to the attention of Mr. Thomlinson, safety manager, or the attention of one of the shop stewards or report it to the personnel manager, Lester Rogers.

TO ALL MEMBERS: Your union has ordered 500 pamphlets, pocket size, giving you facts you should know about the California Unemployment Insurance Act, and how to obtain unemployment benefits. These pamphlets are at the office of the union and you can procure one by calling in person. It is very important that you familiarize yourselves with this important law. It is printed in bold type and condensed so that all of its language can easily be understood.

Our union is going to miss the services of Frances Osmus, assistant personnel manager at Spiegel Foods Company. This young lady has played an important role in taking care of our people at that plant. By ably assisting Lester Rogers, the personnel manager, a wonderful job has been performed during the past two years in that department. We understand that Frances is going to take up housekeeping as her husband is back from the Sea Bees after many months in the South Pacific. Your union and all members wish you every happiness.

## GILROY DIVISION

53 West Sixth Street  
(Opposite U. S. Postoffice)  
Telephone 559

Your business agent, Bud Kenyon, spent the entire day covering all three shifts in the C. B. Gentry plant last Wednesday and checking the membership. He found a laxity on their part in wearing their union buttons. It is mandatory that you wear these buttons, for there is a 50-cent fine for any member failing to do so. Notices have been placed on the bulletin boards as a "reminder."

Brother Melton, conveyor operator on the night shift, and Pearl Collyear, also on the night shift, have been temporarily appointed shop stewards until the next regular meeting when you will elect a permanent steward. Please give them your full cooperation.

When you see some of the former employees that have returned to work recently, be sure and ask them if they have requested their transfer or deposited their withdrawal card.

It has been called to our attention that the walls and some of the equipment in the rest rooms have been destroyed. It's up to all members to take care of these rooms, as they are for your convenience.

By the time you receive this paper there should be a stove in the women's rest room on the preparation line. The company has agreed that they would put some sort of heat in that room.

We hope to hear you call present at the regular meetings December 11 at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. TO ALL MEMBERS EMPLOYED AT SAN REGAS AND SONS, SALT JUAN: Please cooperate with shop steward W. J. Martin. Wear your union button on the job!

WATSONVILLE AREA: Negotiations are continuing with the ice industry in Watsonville. Watch this column for further news on the subject.

Our union was successful in its negotiations with the seed industry in the Salinas area. Watch this column for further news on this industry next week.

Remember, the 8th Victory War Loan Drive. Purchase bonds, Patronize union services.

Remember to pay your dues promptly in order to be eligible for sick and death benefits. In the event you are not able to pay your dues to the business representative and you are not able to come to the union office, send a post office money order, enclosing dues book and your book will be stamped and sent back to you, including a receipt.

The following members received sick benefits for the week ending Friday, Nov. 30: Marion Anderson, 2nd week; Joe Johnson, 3rd week; Lillian Cooper, 9th week; S. E. Brook, 1st week; Robert C. Doty, 1st week; Walter Rumble, 5th week; Clarence Vogue, 6th week; Orley Cooper, 6th week; Natalie Seibel, 2nd week; Robert Keller, 5th week; Sina Nielsen, 2nd week; Mike Marsiglia, 3rd week; Edie Green, 3rd week.

## MINUTES

### Central Labor Council

Minutes of the meeting of Dec. 4, 1945. The meeting was called to order by President McCutcheon.

The roll call showed the presence of nine delegates from five locals. Regular officers present were Pres. McCutcheon, Sec.-Treas. Edwards, and Sgt.-at-Arms Johnson.

Credentials were presented for the following: John Rosa, William Culver, and Lester Caveny, to represent the Cannery Workers Union; Clyde Brewer and Mac Brewer to represent the Carpenters, and Steve Smario to represent the Bartenders and Culinary Alliance. It was moved, seconded and passed that they be seated. They were then given the obligation by the president.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved as read. (The minutes were for the meeting of Nov. 6—no quorum on Nov. 20.)

It was moved, seconded and passed to pay the bill of five dollars presented by the secretary for stamps and telegrams.

A communication from the State Federation of Labor asked that letters be sent to our representatives in Congress against the "Equal Rights Amendment." It was moved, seconded, and passed that the letters be sent.

Other communications were presented and considered. The Carpenters reported nothing new. Six new members were initiated at their last meeting.

The Bartenders reported 17 new members. They also reported that a letter is being sent to interested parties opposing the use of women as bartenders. They believe that this practice will quickly bring discredit to the liquor industry and have announced that it will not be tolerated in this area.

The Teachers reported that their organization had recently held a state convention.

The financial report was presented and accepted and the meeting adjourned.

—WAYNE EDWARDS,  
Secretary-Treasurer.

## Connersmiths' Meeting

Members of the Connersmiths' Union, Local 438, are urged to attend the meeting Friday, Dec. 14, San Francisco for discussion of matters that will be of importance to all members.

## Stuffed Shirt . . . . Redfield



## What's Going On Now in Northern Iran a Mild Sample of Gathering Native Revolts Against Poverty

By "OBSERVER"

The rebellion in Azerbaijan is part of the general dissatisfaction in the northern provinces of Iran (Persia). The larger part of the people of Azerbaijan are of Armenian blood, and their province was once part of the great Armenian empire.

After the first world war, when the Turkish empire was broken up, after several hundred thousand women and children of the Armenians had been slaughtered by the Turks, the survivors were offered freedom from the Turks by the Peace Conference in Paris. Even with their freedom, they were constantly harassed by Persians and Turks. Feeling that they could not stand alone they asked other nations, among them the United States, to assume a mandate over an area inhabited mostly by Armenians. After all others had refused, the Russians accepted their request to become part of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics.

The Russians built dams, power plants, water and irrigation systems—in short, built a modern civilization where once was a miserable, starved, persecuted people.

The part of the old Armenian empire now ruled by the Persians—now called Azerbaijan—is backward and primitive. Seeing the prosperity of the Soviet Armenian area, they propose to govern themselves and improve their condition. Hence the rebellion.

## Labor Backing Sister Kenny

Labor is backing the Sister Kenny drive to raise 5 million to aid her institute in its fight against dread infantile paralysis.

John F. Shelley, state senator and president of the San Francisco Central Labor Council, this week gave strong support to the drive with this statement:

"You are no doubt acquainted with the fine work being done in the treatment of infantile paralysis cases by Sister Kenny. As a nurse in Australia she developed a method of treating those afflicted with this dread disease and she has achieved remarkable results.

"She came to the U. S. and for some time has been teaching her methods to persons here. Unfortunately she has met the opposition of powerful groups in the medical professions and has been denied the cooperation to which she is entitled on a humane basis."

Shelley urged unions to contribute generously to Sister Kenny and pointed out that labor has cooperated in every effort to overcome tuberculosis and many other diseases.

## IBEW Official In San Diego Quits Council

San Diego, Calif.

M. L. Ratcliff, who led members of the union of which he is business agent, Local B-569, International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers through shipyard picket lines here last month, has resigned as president of the San Diego County Building Trades Council.

He had ordered his men to disregard the lines established by Boatbuilders Local 1300, United Brotherhood of Carpenters, on the ground that the electricians had a separate contract which they could not violate. Strong protests were made to the BTC by the District Council of Carpenters, which has a controlling voice.

After the dispute was referred to the UBC international headquarters and the AFL Metal Trades Dept., Ratcliff submitted his resignation.

If you want to be sure that someone will always wish that you prosper and retain good health—just borrow some money from him.

## A Dog's Sacrifice



AND PROUD OWNER—In Denver, Billy Lynn Sigler, of Denver, less bashful in finance than he is before the camera, with the cooperation of his dog, "Sissy," who, by the way isn't rightfully named. It seems Sissy became a mother. That's not the cause of her doleful looks, however. Billy sold the pups and bought Victory Bonds with the proceeds.

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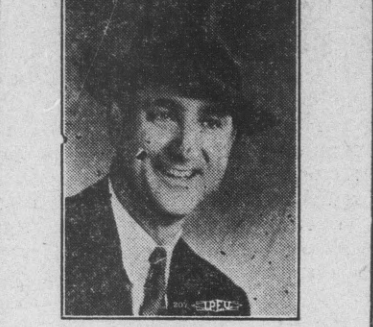
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**YOUR**  
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**REPORTS**



By **GEORGE E. OUTLAND**

(Mr. Outland was on his way back from California when this column went to press. It was written for him by Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas.)  
George Outland and I are quite literally "friends and neighbors." His office is next door to mine. So I am very happy to be guest columnist this week. Recently I was asked to make a speech to a gathering of artists and scientists sponsored by the National Council on American Soviet Friendship. My column today consists both of some of the things I said before this group and observations I made while at the meeting.

The United Nations Charter announced among its purposes: "to develop friendly relations among nations" and "to achieve international co-operation in solving international problems of an economic, social, cultural, or humanitarian character."  
At the very center of this paramount problem of our time is the quality of the relations between the two most powerful nations in the world—the United States and the Soviet Union. The need for a better understanding is manifestly great. Dr. Gerold Robinson speaking at a New York Herald Tribune forum expressed it in apt phrase when he said of the knowledge which Americans possess about the Soviet Union: "Never did so many know so little about so much."

Some of the panels held at the artists and scientists meeting helped a great deal. Outstanding features of cultural life in the Soviet Union were discussed. These activities interested me particularly because it has been my good fortune to have worked in both the field of the arts and in politics.

I learned, for example, that the output of literary works in the Soviet Union is immense: 9 billion books have been published since the establishment of a Soviet government. They have been published in 100 languages including 40 which had no alphabet until Soviet philologists developed them. Since 1917, 50 million copies of books by American writers have been published. This is evidence of an effort to achieve mutual understanding.

Artistic effort is not limited to the printed word. At the present time a collective farmer or industrial worker anywhere in the whole vast country can see at little expense the best in the theater. He can experience superb Russian ballet, listen to great music, and see fine paintings. The artistically talented citizen of the Soviet Union is fortunate. He receives long and ample training at state expense. Once launched in his career, his economic status is a comfortable one. His place in Soviet society is high for he directly ministers to the happiness and civilization of the people.

The Soviets recognize clearly the artistic achievements of other countries. They are quite as keen on American music and art as they are on our machine tools and industrial techniques. Russians have never hesitated to acknowledge that America has a lot to teach them.

We should likewise welcome all that we can acquire from the Soviet Union. The exchange of both ideas and individuals is of greatest importance in tightening bonds of friendship . . . in thwarting the persistent efforts of certain politicians and newspapers to make us see the Soviet Union from their own jaundiced eyes. An exchange of people representing all ideas, all occupations would quicken our own intellectual life and help us to think straight about the Russians. This cultural exchange must be a two-way traffic and the lanes of travel should be crowded in both directions. But the lanes are blocked!

There are obstacles . . . roadblocks to the free flow of friendship. Some of them are the remains of past misunderstandings and lack of knowledge. These we can attack by making available knowledge, facts and information. Some of the other obstacles are deliberately created by sinister and dangerous forces in this country who have never given up allegiance to Hitler's ideas. At present, just as it always was, the Soviet Union is their main target. There can be no truce with these forces of division and reaction. They must be fought!

The task before us is to strive unceasingly, through every sort of activity open to us to make our government aware that this American-Soviet friendship must and shall be preserved.

**Then Comes the Dawn:**  
**Lifting of Ration Sounds**  
**Wonderful, But Headaches**  
**Plenty Looming For 1946**

Washington, D. C.  
So you breathed a sigh of relief when Sec. of Agriculture Clinton P. Anderson ordered an end to rationing of all foods except sugar?  
Think again, and maybe the jubilation of the farm bloc at Anderson's action will be proof enough of the dangers involved in scuttling rationing at this point.

Price control without rationing is about as effective as a lock without a key and the farm bloc boys know that an end to rationing is a major victory for them in their long fight to ditch price ceilings.  
Affected by Anderson's order were beef, pork, veal, mutton, canned fish, butter, lard, shortening, margarine and related oils. The secretary explained that ample supplies of meat had led to the action. He admitted that there were still shortages of butter, fats and oils, but said it would be too complicated to work out a new rationing system for just those products.

**"TOO MUCH TROUBLE"**  
In effect, Anderson blandly stated that it was too much trouble for a paid government official with all the resources of one of the biggest departments in Washington to figure out a way to save long-suffering consumers from the headaches of inflation.

Even more menacing to consumers is Anderson's decision to press for the elimination of federal subsidies on meat, butter, bread, milk, cheese, canned vegetables, dried fruits and other foods by June 30.

**LOSS OF SUBSIDIES**  
OPA—apparently the only governmental agency left in Washington that puts the interests of consumers ahead of those of the farm bloc and food industrialists—estimates that dumping of subsidies would add at least \$2 billion to the nation's food bill in 1946. Price of butter, which has already gone up 10 per cent, would rise another 40 per cent, hamburger would go up almost 70 a pound, milk about 20 a quart, cheese 48c a pound, etc.—all increases in food staples which workers' families simply cannot afford.

**THE FIRST TEST**  
A preview of what removal of price ceilings would mean came recently when OPA lifted ceilings on citrus fruits because of the exceptionally plentiful crop. Within a few hours after the removal of ceilings, the cost of lemons went from \$6.06 to \$12 a box and that of large oranges jumped from a ceiling of \$6.02 to \$11.

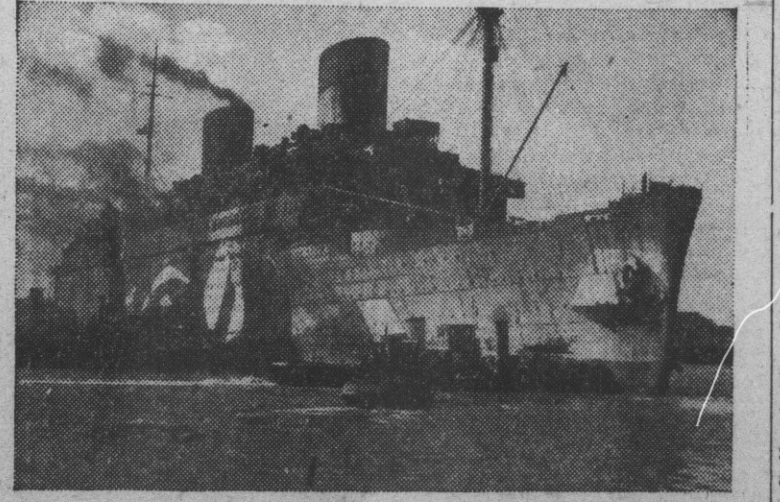
If Anderson is allowed to go ahead with his program unopposed, you can expect a whole series of similar uncontrollable price jumps and it will be too late to squawk then. Send your protests—NOW—to President Truman, Anderson and your congressmen.

**Green Issues**  
**Appeal to Aid**  
**Jewish Cause**

Washington, D. C.  
In a cabled message to Prime Minister Clement Attlee in London, AFL Pres. William Green has made a strong appeal for the British to halt the "policy of death and destruction of the Jewish people in Palestine" by British troops.  
Green appealed directly to the British leader after receiving a protest from the General Federation of Jewish Labor in Palestine which had also made representations to the British Labor Party and Trade Union Congress.

**And Now Bilibuster**  
A smart boy in a Washington junior high school who knows the poll tax score contributes this to the National Committee to Abolish the Poll Tax:  
"WHY NOT SAY BILIBUSTER?"

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The grand luxury liner, Europa, once the pride of German shipping, is shown being moved to a drydock where it was refitted for troop-carrying activity. Thirteen tugs were needed for the operation. Bringing our boys home costs money. Your purchase of Victory Loan Bonds will help provide these funds.  
From U. S. Treasury

**Says Failure**  
**Of Confab to**  
**Be Blamed On**  
**Labor Split**

By **TRAVIS K. HEDRICK**

Washington, D. C.  
Because leaders of industry and of labor met for 26 days in an effort to find areas of accord and concluded their meeting with some measure of agreement on broad, generalized principles and found other, wider areas of conflict, the National Labor Management conference cannot be termed an absolute failure.

But the public, and more particularly, the more rabid individuals in Congress, will profess disappointment for reasons that will vary according to purposes.

The layman, who was led to expect too much from the conference will feel let down because it did not produce the advertised magic formula by which discord and strikes will be eliminated.

On Capitol Hill, however, the lobby-bloc of politaxers and Republicans will use the record of the conference as a springboard from which to dive into a whole teeming sea of restrictive, anti-labor legislation.

**VITAL DIFFERENCES**  
Management demonstrated that it still wants to amend the Wagner Labor Relations act, to give "equal standing before the law" to employers. Management wants to put unions under bond for performance of obligations under signed agreements. Management wants to prevent unionization of foremen. Management wants legislation to allow government interference in what it calls jurisdictional disputes not settled immediately to its satisfaction.

Those are, briefly, the main areas of disagreement. They were stoutly fought by all the labor delegates, regardless of affiliation or non-affiliation. They represent, in part, what management may now seek to have accomplished through its agents in the House and Senate. They all represent a warning to labor.

The split in the labor movement is responsible for the failure to get any statement on the need for wage increases, real increases, immediately.

**Here's Sample**  
**Of Warped Tory**  
**Minds In Cong.**

Washington, D. C.  
If proof is needed that some of our vigorous tory statesmen here have minds more than slightly warped, consider this situation:  
Throughout the fall months the polltax Democrats and the conservative Republicans in Congress have denounced the administration's full employment bill as un-American because of its "guarantee of the right to work."

Now, with the General Motors strike on and other strike situations looming up on the industrial horizon, these same representatives and senators are dusting off their prize anti-labor bills—all of which are predicated upon some variation of the phrase "the right to work."

The difference, of course, is that these bills give the right to work to strikebreakers. Rep. John Rankin (D., Miss.) is the author of one and Rep. Clare Hoffman (R., Mich.) of another. Both would enlist veterans for the strikebreaking job—taking a cue from the GM management which has just such a program in mind.

**Shipyard Strike**  
**In S. D. Ends;**  
**Win Pay Hikes**

San Diego, Calif.  
San Diego's longest post-war strike, which tied up three major local shipyards employing 600 men, for almost seven weeks, has been settled with wage increases for the workers.

The settlement left San Diego the only large West Coast city where no wage earner is idle because of a labor dispute.  
A new contract provides \$1.40 an hour for journeymen, whether they are on new construction of repair jobs. Under previous scales, men on new boats received \$1.20 an hour while those performing repairs were given \$1.34, including a 14c bonus for the so-called "dirty hour."

Boatbuilders Local 1300, United Brotherhood of Carpenters had asked for \$1.50, while the yards had early in negotiations offered \$1.38. The deadlock was broken at a federal conciliation session.

The agreement provides that the yards—San Diego Marine Construction Co., Lynch Shipbuilding Co., and Campbell Machine Co.—withdraw their \$150,000 damage suit filed recently against the union in superior court.

**MINUTES**  
**Bldg. Trades Council**

Minutes of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Monterey County, Dec. 6, 1945. Meeting called to order by President W. J. Dickerson at 8 p.m. Roll call showed seven local unions represented. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved. All bills were ordered paid.

**CORRESPONDENCE**  
Received a letter from Brick Masons and Plasterers L.U. 16, that they will not allow work on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays except in an emergency, such as a boiler burned out and must be rebricked. Also that they have reached an agreement on their wage rate. All overtime work must be paid at double the regular wage.

Received a letter from the Building and Construction Trades Dept. giving notice to the building crafts to use the machinery set up by the department for settlement of jurisdictional disputes and warning that to strike must be the last resort in all disputes.

From the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, a letter explaining the change in the industrial accident law section 4661.

From the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, a letter requesting they be notified of any printing on the back of a pay check that might be used against an injured employee, such as:

"I agree that this check is in full payment of all amounts due me in wages or salary up to and including period covered by same, as Federal and State laws or regulations and on contracts between the payor and any Government Agency and certify that I have, at date of this endorsement sustained no injury or disability" ensuing out of or in course of my employment by the payor."

From State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, a report from the Tenth Regional War Labor Board Market; SF - 290.

From the Federal Works Agency, a report on the Government appropriation for public works in California.

From Oklahoma City Building and Construction Trades Council, requesting our support to a law calling for a prevailing wage on all FHA construction. It was moved and seconded that the measure be supported; carried.

Received a copy of the minutes of the Building and Construction Trades Council of Santa Clara County.

The U. S. Treasury Dept. requests full support to the Victory Loan drive. The funds are vitally needed.

Received three news letters from the State Federation of Labor. **BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT**  
Brother Long reports there is an average of about one house a day started in this district. The fish canneries must have their machinery in place and ready to run by May 15, 1946, in order to have their quota of fish allotted for the fall run. The contractors are all very much in need of competent help.

**REPORTS OF UNIONS**  
Brother P. Luce, Laborers L.U. 690—Good meeting; initiated four new members.  
Brother Fales, Electric Workers 1072—Good meeting and they have their wage agreement up for consideration by the electric firms.  
Brother Smith, Electric Workers business agent, gave a report on the work and conditions he finds in the area.

Brother Evans, Carpenters 1323—Good meeting, initiated six new members; they have their wage adjustment before the Wage Adjustment Board for approval.

Brother Coopersmith, Brick Masons 16—Good meeting in Salinas. They received a letter from the Wage Adjustment Board approving their wage scale of two dollars per hour. That they will enforce the double time rate on all overtime and will permit such overtime as can be declared an emergency.

Brother O'Neil, Plumbers 62 U.A. reports a meeting with the employers who wish to devise a way of getting a few more plumbers to help carry on the work. The shops are several weeks behind at present with their work and can not see any relief in building. The firms are willing for a wage adjustment upward so as to encourage help to come in and work.

**GOOD OF THE COUNCIL**  
Brother Ward reports that the Federal Works Agency has a notice posted in the Monterey Post Office asking for a building with 2000 sq. ft. floor space in which to conduct their business. This notice was sent out by Roy A. Lingren, real estate officer, 630 Sansome St., San Francisco 11, Room 838.

Brother E. E. Smith states that there is only one barber shop in Pacific Grove with a union card in the window and request the members of organized labor to patronize only union barbers.

No further business to come before the Council the meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
—L. T. LONG,  
Secretary.

The gent who wakes up and finds himself a success hasn't been asleep.—WILSON MIZNER.

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**Oakdale Has Jitters;**  
**Those Awful Unions**  
**Invading the Town!**  
Oakdale, Calif.  
An echo of the bad old days comes from this San Joaquin valley town.  
The Oakdale Employers Association has been formed with the avowed intention of preventing the AFL from "trying to unionize the town."  
The town's 50 business firms got excited when the Modesto local of Retail Grocery Clerks Union picked two food markets because the owners refused to sign a collective bargaining agreement.

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